

Perfin pattern M151 (MK&T) is not identified in the new U.S. catalog. This claims form postcard dated March 26, 1926, however, does confirm that the pattern was used by the Mis-

souri-Kansas-Texas R.R. Company of Texas.


The post card identification does not exactly match the MK&T pattern. However, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Rail-

road was reorganized in 1923 as the M-K-T after a period of insolvency. The name change was typical for many of the reorganized railroad companies. The new railroad was probably just using existing stamp stocks.

The "of Texas" in the name is the result of the Texas legislature passing a law that all railroads operating in Texas had to maintain their main office in Texas. Since the MK&T had only a third of their system in Texas, it was prudent to incorporate a new company in Texas—the M-K-T of Texas—with its main office in Dallas.

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Form 3101 SHEET 4	
Claim No.	52307-4 S. TEXAS
Claimant	W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.
Claimant's No.	3-18-26
Commodity	DOOR Amount \$ 3.92
Point of Origin	ST. LOUIS
Destination	
Traffic Department	Number
Date Filed	3-24-26 19
MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS R. R. CO. OF TEXAS Office of GENERAL FREIGHT CLAIM AGENT Dallas, Texas Acknowledging Claim Papers for Investigation Please Take Record of Our Number. H. BIERMAN	



POST CARD
ADDRESS
THE BELFORD LUMBER CO
G-ORGETOWN TEXAS



The use of picture post cards with perfins as an advertising medium was prevalent during the early period of perfins use when postage on a post card was only 1¢, half that of a letter. Rudy Roy shares the card shown here as an example of that usage. The card is from by W. Atlee Burpee and carries the WAB perfin (W13). One side acknowledges a customer's order and the other shows a scene from the company's Fordhook Farms. Similar cards were used to promote the company's products.

Roy says post cards showing a tie between the perfins and the picture makes



for an interesting and attractive addition to a collection.